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SUBJ: FURTHER TROUBLE IN NABLUS; CITY FATHERS CALL FOR NORMALCY

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1. ISRAELI TROOPS FIRED TWICE AT DEMONSTRATORS IN NABLUS MARCH 9 AS CITY ENTERED THIRD DAY OF CONFRONTATIONS. ONE BOY WAS SHOT IN THE LEG ACCORDING TO JERUSALEM POST. DESPITE THESE INCIDENTS, GENERAL STRIKE SEEMS TO BE LIFTIN. OBSERVERS SAID ABOUT HALF OF NALBUS BUSINESSES WERE OPEN MARCH 10 ALTHOUGH SCHOOLS REPORT-EDLY REMAIN CLOSED. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OTHER CIVIC AND VOCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD STATEMENT BROADCAST FROM MINARETS AND PRINTED ON PAGE 1 OF ARABIC DAILY AL QUDS CALLING ON STUDENTS AND WORKERS TO RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITIES WHILE LOCAL COMMITTEES CONTINUE TO PRESS DEMANDS.

2. CONTRARY TO REPORT WE WERE GIVEN MARCH 9, RESIGNATON

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OF CITY COUNCIL STILL PENDING, BUT SO FAR NOT ACCEPTED BY

MILGOVT. MAYOR MA'ZUZ AL MASRI HAS JUST RETURNED FROM CAIRO, WHERE HE WENT FOR MEDICAL CHECK BEFORE DISTURBANCES BEGAN, AND HAS EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL'S STAND.

3. JENIN SHCOOLS STRUCK AND GENERAL STRIKE PREVAILED IN NEARBY TUBAS MARCH 9 IN SUPPORT OF NABLUS, ACCORDING TO PRESS ARABIC DAILIES CARRY MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM HEBRON, QALQILYA, RAMALLAH, BIRA, BIR ZEIT, BETUNIA, KALANDIA, BETHLEHEM AND JERICHO.

4. MEANWHILE, ISRAELI POLICE TURNED BACK A GROUP OF 10 JEWS, LED BY LIKUD CITY COUNCILMAN GERSHON SOLOMON, WHO AGAIN TRIED TO PRAY ON TEMPLE MOUNT (HARAM) MARCH 9. EARLIER ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL JEW WAS ESCORTED FROM HARAM AFTER BEGINNING PRAYERS, ACCORDING TO AL QUDS.
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